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VOTE FOR THESE MEN AND BACK WILSON

For They Are Loyal Patriotic Americans and Will
Stand Behind America's Great President

And Help Him to Win the War and Then Stand
Back of His Peace Programme

You are a loyal patriotic American—one who has red blood, and you love your country as you love your wife, your children, your mother, or your sweetheart.

For this reason you want to do your full duty—and that is to back up our great president in the stupendous task of winning this war—which he is bravely and surely doing—and then to back him up in the great task of readjustment which must surely come when this cruel war is over.

Of course you have been backing him right along as far as you could. You have bought Liberty bonds—you have given freely to the Red Cross and all of the other noble war alleviating agencies—you have given your son, or your father, or some other relative to the great cause—and you have worked and deprived yourself of many things that you would have liked had this war not been on—and in fact you have done many things that you would not have done only from the fact that you are a virile red-blooded American and you as all other good Americans saw that this war must be won and you have heretofore done your part—but now comes another added duty.

Must Support President.
This war was started in a democratic administration—it was fought under a democratic administration—it is now on the high road to success under a democratic administration—and it must and will be concluded under a democratic administration.

There will be an election next month, Nov. 3—and at that time a number of senators and all of the members of the lower House of Congress must be elected. It is just as essential that the men so chosen to represent you in the next Congress should be Democrats and in line with President Wilson and his war policies, as it is for you to have your daily food tomorrow. These men must be Democrats in order that they may be in line with President Wilson's policies and give him that united support which will assure him that back of him and his actions are his friends, the senators and congressmen, and back of them are the people—you—who sent them there with orders to back up and sustain your president.

And this is the way in which every citizen of St. Joseph, of Buchanan county—of the Fourth Congressional, and every other congressional district of the state—and of the full state of Missouri—can support the President and his policies.

Folk and Booher.
You have a United States senator to elect to succeed the lamented Stone. A worthy successor is in the field in the person of ex-Governor Joseph W. Folk—a man whose ability and statesmanlike qualities have been fully tried and tested—and have stood every test—and whom President Wilson has signified his desire to have in the upper house, to help him—and you can help the president by going to the polls and seeing that the name of Joseph W. Folk is on your ticket.

And then there is Congressman Charles F. Booher, whose long and distinguished services have been like-wise recognized by the president and who wants him sent back to help to complete the great work now so well in progress and in all of which Congressman Booher has given a willing and loyal hand and support—something that no new man could do, and who would not have formed a speaking acquaintance in Congress before the war was over—and whom it would take years before he had secured the knowledge and experience that Congressman Booher already possesses—which added to the fact that he has during all of this trying period stood squarely at Wilson's back and voted for every war measure makes it imperative that he must be returned—so see that his name is on your ticket.

The State Candidates.
And then there are two loyal patriotic candidates on the state ticket that must be given the seats that they are asking for in order that they may also give the help that will be at their command to the service of the President.

Let W. Lankin be the present state

JUST HAVE TO VOTE

The City Council by Resolution Would Force Men to Utilize the Franchise.

Councilman Henry E. Grosser hit the nail squarely on the head Monday night when at the council meeting he introduced a resolution which has for its intent the furthering of a movement to compel men to utilize the franchise and vote when election time comes on. To the credit of the council it should be stated that it was passed unanimously, and copies of the resolution will be presented to the state senator and representatives from this district, with the request that it be worked into the state laws. The resolution is a move in the right direction as there are hundreds of men in St. Joseph who do not go near the polls, but who after election spend half of their time causing the men elected. Here is the Grosser resolution:

Whereas, the duty of registration and suffrage was never so imperative upon right-thinking citizens as it is right now, and every person upon whom the obligation and privilege of citizenship is conferred owes it a patriotic duty to exercise the right of franchise, and anyone failing so to do is open to the charge of being a slacker and utterly failing in his duty as a patriot.

Be it resolved, that this council declares itself as unqualifiedly in favor of a compulsory voting law and recommends the enactment of a law for that purpose to the senator and representatives of this county in the next general assembly.

HITT IS PRESIDENT

The Maysville Live Wire Now Heads the Real Estate Interests of the State.

At a meeting on September 20 of the Real Estate Loan Dealers' Association of Missouri, held at Muehlebach Hotel, Kansas City, A. J. Hitt, of Maysville, Mo., was elected president; W. E. Jameson, vice-president, and W. E. Graves, secretary-treasurer.

New committees were appointed and arrangements made to properly present the Mortgage Recording Tax Law before the next session of the Missouri legislature. The Real Estate Loan Dealers' Association of Missouri is a live organization, and is trying to have more equitable taxation laws enacted. It is only eight months old, but already has 75 members.—United States Investor.

ables of the office of county auditor. There is not a voter of any faith in the county but knows and admires him and his ability. He will be elected.

Ehmett J. Crouse has had a similar experience in the office of the circuit clerk—and men who know are the men whom the people will elect—and Emmett J. Crouse is the man.

Artemus Ferril comes from a family of the best in the county—and he has the ability and the knowledge and the tact to conduct the office of county clerk with credit to the people who will elect him and honor to himself. See that his name is on your ticket.

John Porter Srite has had to do with financial affairs all of his busy life—and he will take care of the office of collector in such a way that he will have no trouble when four years rolls around in being elected as his own successor.

Stephen K. Owen will see to it that the office of prosecuting attorney is filled with such credit that no one can say aught against it. He will rigidly and successfully enforce the laws as he finds them on the statute books and no favor will be shown to the person who wilfully breaks the state's mandates.

Harry C. Yates has filled the office of recorder of this county so successfully and well in his four years of incumbency that no one desires or contemplates any change in that well ordered and ably conducted office.

The Law Enforcers.
And again here comes the law enforcers in the persons of the justices of the peace, who are the primary courts of the county.

John W. Wilson has so admirably conducted his office and been so impartial that there is no talk or thought of a successor to him.

Judge Lyman W. Forgrave has made such a capable and fearless law enforcer that he is the same as re-elected—as he will be.

Charles A. Loomis has dispensed justice with a careful and conscientious hand and will be returned with an increased majority.

Jack Gordon is a new man, but he has the ability and the knowledge to make—and will be a model justice.

And last but not least there is the constable of Washington township in the person of Walter S. Patten, who has made good—and will again.

If you have the names of the above mentioned on your ballot Nov. 3 you can make no mistake.

BUT THE WORKINGMEN HAVE.

Senator Jim Reed is sending out one of his speeches as a campaign document, but unfortunately for him, the paper has no vote in Missouri.—St. Joseph Gazette.

No, but a great multitude of working men in Missouri have, and are ready to give them to their friend for any office in the United States—at any time.

A. H. Greene,
Oregon, Mo.

DIED AS HE ASKED

Col. Calvin C. Colt Wanted to Go to Sleep and Eternal Rest Came As He Desired.

"When my time comes I hope that I shall go to sleep and not awake to know that the end is near," was an assertion that Col. Calvin C. Colt, United States commissioner and deputy clerk of the federal court in the St. Joseph division, had often made to his friends—and he meant it—and the end came just as he had asked, for when on Thursday morning his life long friend and companion, W. S. Pollard, who occupied a room next to him at No. 224 North Eighth street, stepped into Col. Colt's room to awaken him, he found him seated in his big Morris chair, with a newspaper held in his hand, his glasses adjusted before his eyes and a reading lamp burning at his elbow. He was apparently peacefully slumbering, but when Mr. Pollard sought to awaken him, he found that the angel Azrael had touched him and given him the sleep eternal.

Col. Colt was one of the best known and best liked men in this part of Missouri. He was always jovial and good-natured, no matter what might be his physical condition which had not been robust for years, and no one was more accommodating or more careful of the feelings of others. He was in his eightieth year and was in fact almost a pioneer of Buchanan county, having come to the Easton vicinity when a young boy from his birthplace at East Groveland, N. Y.

In the sixties he filled various deputy offices, and for a later period was one of the old book firm of Woolworth & Colt. He has been commissioner here for over fifteen years. He is survived by his wife and one daughter, the latter being Mrs. C. N. Finch of Kansas City, who came here Thursday upon receipt of the news of his death and had the remains taken to Kansas City Friday morning.

Interment will take place there tomorrow afternoon and a large number of St. Joseph people—as many as will be permitted—will attend. The members of the Buchanan county bar escorted the remains from where they lay in state at the Heaton-Re-Gole chapel Friday forenoon, to the train.

Col. Colt was one of God's noblemen—he will be missed—and sadly missed.

CLOSING GENERAL—GRIPPE BETTER

The merchants and all business men and institutions of the city observed the orders of the board of health relative to early closing—at 5 p. m.—and cheerfully complied. There was but one exception noted, that being Florian Johannes of 1113 South Sixteenth street, who was arrested for not closing his grocery, but he denied knowledge of the order and was not fined.

The gripple situation has shown a tendency with the coming of cold weather to modify its ravages, and the indications are that it will soon be under complete control.

IS OVER TWO BILLION

That is the Amount of the Taxable Property of the Great State of Missouri.

If St. Joseph people are afflicted with the idea that Missouri is not much of a state, they have but to take a glance at the figures as fixed by the State Board of Equalization for the present year's taxes, which stand at \$2,162,918,292. The board on Friday fixed the first valuation of corporation property. The increase on all the property of the state over last year's valuation is \$151,249,225. The bulk of the increase falls upon real estate, the total being \$112,194,928. Personal property stands an increase of \$38,765,173.

The increase of the steam railroads is only \$1,949,687. Electric lines are increased \$392,845. Telephone companies are increased about \$299,000 and telegraph companies \$144,587. The increased valuation on the Kansas City railroads is approximately \$50,000.

These valuations are placed on Kansas City Utilities, Kansas City Home Telephone Company, \$1,543,540; Kansas City Long Distance, \$770,270; Kansas City Railways, \$11,298,223; Kansas City Terminal Railway, \$7,737,355.

The valuation of real estate and personal property was announced by the board last spring, but corporation valuations were not announced until Friday.

JUGGLE YOUR TIME

Stay Up Until Two O'clock Tomorrow Morning and Set Father Time Back.

At 2 o'clock tomorrow morning you will have the opportunity to get even with old Daddy Time and pay him back for the worry and trouble that he has caused you for the past six months by his sprinting ways which he forced you to adopt in order to keep up with him. Now you can get even.

Stay up until old time puts out his right hand to touch the two o'clock hour. Then just reach up, grab that extended hand of his and give it a wrench so sharp as to dislocate it—and then drag it back a whole hour—and you will be avenged. Tomorrow morning is the time when all clocks will be turned back an hour, and when the people will return for the time being to the system that was in vogue before the great war in which the world is now involved was started.

CHOKED OFF BUSINESS

The Board of Health and the Mayor Will Stop the Spread of the Epidemic.

If you do not think that drastic measures were resorted to by the Board of Health and Mayor Whitell to check the spread of the epidemic, it is not necessary for you to come down at night.

Not only were all stores closed at 5 p. m., but the pool halls and saloons all came under the ban and drug stores and bakeries were the only ones allowed to sell and they only drugs and bread and its by-products. The authorities propose to stamp it out—and keep it stamped out.

WILL EJECT HUNT AND SQUIRES.

The Republican News-Press saw fit in its editorial columns Thursday to attack two of the Democratic candidates for county judge. The two attacked parties should at once send the editor of that "Independent" publication a handsome present for this uncalled for attack insures their election. It is notorious that any candidate that the News-Press opposes is always elected.

SPENCER'S CAMPAIGN IS FIZZLING

The Republican Candidate For
Senator Is Not Making
Headway

IN FACT, HE IS GOING
THE OTHER WAY

He Has Failed to Secure the Financial Support That He Had Hoped to Get From Stetzel and the St. Louis Interests and Is Obliged to Submit to the Humiliation of Having the St. Louis Boss Say He Is Not Big Enough for the Place.

It would not surprise the voters of Missouri to see Judge Selden P. Spencer of St. Louis, who is attempting to make the forlorn hope race for United States senator against Joseph W. Folk, get out of the running and quit the contest, for as far as that goes he is now in the situation where he might as well as he has not the ghost of a show. The fact that he has not made a speaking date here in St. Joseph has caused his god friends here much concern, for if he can get any votes at all it was hoped that this section of the state would produce them—but he is not coming up to find out.

Spencer has become so discouraged with the outlook that he has ceased making campaign speeches urging his election. His sudden departure from the stump is officially attributed voluntary halting of his speaking to the prevalence of influenza. The four has demonstrated to his friends and supporters that Spencer recognizes the hopelessness of his cause.

Spencer's supporters laugh at his flimsy excuse for his failure to complete his campaign and fight to the end. They have pointed out that Joseph W. Folk, his Democratic opponent, is making campaign speeches regularly, and that there are many counties in the state in which there is no influenza and in which Spencer could talk to voters in safety from any epidemic.

No Financial Support.

The failure of the National Republican committee to greet Spencer and a delegation of Republicans from St. Louis with open arms and a big donation when the party visited Washington last week apparently marked the finale of an active Spencer campaign.

When Otto F. Stetzel, "angel" of many Republican campaigns in St. Louis, and other big contributors to former Republican campaigns declined to donate money to finance Spencer's campaign, Spencer virtually gave up the race and decided to devote his time to writing letters to a few Republican leaders and trust to them to work up enough interest in their districts to give him a creditable showing—even in defeat.

When President Wilson in a telegram to Folk indicated plainly to the voters of Missouri that he desires the election of Folk as United States senator from this state to teamwork with him in winning the war, the Spencer adherents virtually gave up the race as a lost cause.

Called Off speeches.
Spencer, rebuffed on all sides when he asked for support, called off his speech-making campaign, and decided to minimize his personal campaign expenses, and prepare for a graceful defeat by his Democratic rival.

Stetzel, in an interview in a St. Louis Spencer-Republican organ, is quoted as saying he would not support Spencer, and that in his opinion the election would be a "walkover" for Folk. Stetzel told the St. Louis Republic that Spencer is not "big enough" for the position of United States senator and that he would not contribute to a campaign fund for his election.

"A United States senator should be a man who is known beyond the confines of his own community for something he has done," Stetzel declared. "Spencer is not known for any great thing he has done, or that would attract wide interest. He simply is not big enough for the job."

Ray L. Torrey would have made a better race than Spencer. He has a national reputation, and at least is widely known to the home folks. Judge Henry Lamm would have made a good race. He has done several things that have attracted much attention outside of his own community. Spencer has done several worthy minor things, but he doesn't measure up to the job he seeks.

In the published interview, Stetzel throws several interesting sidelights on Republican political conditions in the state.

FROM FIGHTING STOCK

Preston Pierce Pryor, Who Gave His Life For His Country In France.

Preston Pierce Pryor, the twenty-six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Pryor of Saxton, gave up his life for his country and world's democracy on the battle front in France on Sept. 13. He was killed in action while going gallantly forward with his comrades in a victorious charge. With his life he paid the expense price—the sacrifice—that liberty and freedom should not perish from the earth. Beside his parents he is survived by his brother, Polk Pierce Pryor, and a sister, Pearl Pierce Pryor.

The young soldier responded to his country's call April 2, 1918, and was sent to Camp Funston, where he was trained and then was attached to the headquarters company of the 324th Infantry, with which unit he sailed across and entered into active service in June. He was a graduate of the Christian Brothers College, a member of Saxton Lodge 258, A. F. & A. M.; Hugh W. Payson Commandery of the Knights Templar; Mitchell Council, Mollie Temple Mystic Shrine; and Redemptive Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star. He was a young man of splendid attainments and a favorite with all who knew him.

The young soldier comes of fighting stock—of men who helped to make history for this country. His maternal great grandfather, Capt. John H. McNeill, who had already served in the Mexican war, raised the first company of men in Boone county when the civil war broke out, and joined the army of Gen. Price. He fought through the battles in Missouri and at the battle of Lexington had a son killed and one of his shoulders almost shot away. After being wounded he was sent to Bonville to recuperate and while there was captured by the federals, as was also another of his sons, Jesse. The federals started for St. Louis with their prisoners, but on the way Jesse escaped. Capt. McNeill was held at St. Louis for three months and finally while an exchange of prisoners was being negotiated, escaped and fled without a cent of money in his pockets. He managed to make his way to Chillicothe, Mo., where he recuperated and then went to his old home in Virginia where he raised an independent company of ever able men which he commanded even though attached to the command of the famous "Stonewall" Jackson, under whom he and his men fought until in one of the many battles, like his famous commander, he was one day mistaken for an enemy while on a reconnoitering expedition and mortally wounded by one of his own command. He died a short time after he received his wound.

His uncle, T. P. Pryor, of this county was killed in the battle of Lexington. He was the brother of J. C. (Polk) Pryor, the father of the gifted young soldier now dead in a foreign land.

CRIPPLE FIGHTERS WORK

The Citizens' Committee Organize and Work to Help Stamp Out the Plague.

The citizens' committee appointed by Mayor Whitell to assist the board of health in stamping out the gripple plague is hard at work and has met with some success. A meeting was held at the Commerce Club rooms Monday, at which time all of those appointed were present and laid out a plan of procedure.

It was outlined that all influenza and pneumonia funerals should be private and public officers were detailed to attend all funerals and see that the order was carried out.

All doctors and undertakers who do not comply with rules laid down will have their names published.

ROBERT L. YOUNG SAYS A SUCCESS.

The great Jersey sale of Robert L. Young at Larchmont, Stock Farm, south of the city, last Monday, was one of the greatest held in this county for years. The attendance was greater than even Mr. Young had cause to expect, buyers coming from over twenty states in the Union. The bidding was spirited and the competition for Mr. Young's choice offerings keen. The prices received were the top and but further disclosed that as a breeder and raiser of fine stock Mr. Young stands in the front rank.

German authorities ought to begin debating the efficacy of a deathbed repentance.—Clinton County Democrat.

Missouri. He has been in the political game long enough to talk with throws several interesting sidelights on Republican political conditions in the state.

Democrats, Do Your Duty!

This is the LAST DAY, Mr. Democrat that you can register—the last day on which you can put yourself in shape to support President Wilson and his great administration. If you have not registered go to the COURT HOUSE AT ONCE and place your name on the books. You cannot vote this year if you are not newly registered. All previous registrations are null and void. REGISTER TODAY and do YOUR PLAIN DUTY.